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SUBJECT: ANTI-TRUST ACTION RE BOOK PUBLISHERS

REF: STATE 91710

1. ANTI-TRUST ACTION RE BOOK PUBLISHERS WAS DISCUSSED BY JOEL DAVIDOW, CHIEF FOREIGN COMMERCE SECTION, ANTI-TRUST DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WITH BRITISH PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION (BPA) APRIL 4. BPA STRESSED LEGALITY OF AGREEMENT UNDER UK LAW AND DAMAGE THAT WOULD BE DONE TO BRITISH PUBLISHING INDUSTRY SHOULD BRITISH TRADITIONAL MARKET BE DISTURBED. DAVIDOW MADE CLEAR HE IS READY TO CONSIDER REVISIONS OF DRAFT CONSENT DECREE TO MEET BRITISH CONCERNS AND IT WAS AGREED THAT REVISIONS WOULD BE DISCUSSED BY DAVIDOW AND BPA COUNSEL IN WASHINGTON DURING FIRST PART OF MAY. BPA APPARENTLY WAS WILLING TO CONSIDER DROPPING TRADITIONAL MARKET AGREEMENT IN THIS CONNECTION.

2. DEPARTMENT OF TRADE PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH COPY OF AIDE MEMOIRE AND, ALONG WITH FCO, HAS TOLD US INFORMALLY THAT CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN IT WILL BE REPEATED ON APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS UNTIL NEW DRAFT CONSENT DECREE IS CIRCULATED. WE EXPECT TO RESPOND TO SUCH APPROACHES BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DRAWING ON INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED (STATE 251658,

NOVEMBER 14 AND DAVIDOW MEMO TO BUSHNELL, MARCH 11) BUT  
MAINLY BY NOTING THAT DRAFT IS TO BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN  
DOJ AND BPA COUNSEL WHO WE THINK HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF  
RESOLVING THE PROBLEM.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF ANY DEVELOP-  
MENTS BETWEEN DOJ AND COUNSEL FOR BPA AS WELL AS US  
DEFENDENTS.

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